

Chapter 12

A. Vocabulary

sabotaged emaciated massacre infirmary delirium

B. Read Chapter 12.

C. Understanding the Novel

1. How did Father get the extra rations that helped him and Daniel survive in Auschwitz?
2. Daniel became very ill while in Auschwitz. What was his illness?
3. Why did Adam kill the guards although he knew he would also be killed?
3. Why did everyone have to leave Auschwitz?
4. What was their next destination? Where was it?
How was it different from Auschwitz?

D. Thinking About the Novel

1. Both Daniel and his father survived the horror of Auschwitz although many others died of illness, starvation and ill treatment.
Why do you think Daniel and his father survived?
2. Daniel thought that Adam died bravely.
Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

Chapters 13 and 14

A. Vocabulary

pampered squalor distraught reassured opulence testify

B. Read Chapters 13 and 14.

C. Understanding the Novel

1. There were other types of prisoners in Buchenwald besides Jews. Why were these people sent to the camp?
2. What job did Daniel have in Buchenwald?
3. Daniel and his father helped the resistance in Buchenwald. What did they do?
4. How did the Seder held at Passover help to raise everyone's spirits?
5. His father would not allow Daniel to kill the injured German guard after the camp uprising. Why not?
6. How did Daniel feel when he realized it was over and they were free?

D. Thinking About the Novel

1. Daniel's father told him not to kill the German guard. Who do you think was right, Daniel or his father? Why? What would you have done if it had been you?
2. You would expect the inmates of Buchenwald to celebrate their freedom, but Daniel said he felt only relief, not happiness. Why do you think he felt this way?

Chapters 15 and 16

A. Vocabulary

endured atrocities delegations anguish
compiled dehydrated bestial

B. Read Chapters 15 and 16.

C. Understanding the Novel

1. After the defeat of the Germans there was plenty of food, but Daniel's father told him to eat sparingly. Why? Was his father right?
2. Many inmates continued to die after they were liberated. Why was this?
3. Why did Daniel want to return to Lodz?
4. What happened to Peter when they returned to Poland?
5. Rosa had news of Erika. Was the news good or bad? Explain.
6. Daniel and Rosa decided that they wanted to leave Europe. What was this? Where do they plan to go?

D. Thinking About the Novel

1. Daniel said it is important to remember what happened so that it can never happen again.
How do you think such discrimination leading to genocide can be prevented?
2. The content and knowing that these events really happened make this book difficult to read.
What events from the book did you find most memorable? Why?